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## I. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Preparatory Committee held its resumed first session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 11 March 1994. The Committee held 3 meetings (16th to 18th meetings) and several informal meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee.

3. At the 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Coordinator for the Conference read out a message from the Secretary-General addressed to the Committee.

4. At the same meeting, the observer for the Caribbean Conservation Association, a non-governmental organization accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process, made a statement.

5. At the 17th meeting, on 8 March, statements were made by the Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany and by the representative of Italy.

6. At the same meeting, the representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement.

7. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the following non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process: Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Caribbean Conservation Association, Greenpeace International and Caribbean Policy Development Centre.

8. At the 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development made a statement.

### B. Attendance

9. The following States were represented: Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, China, Cook Islands, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Sweden, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

10. The following associate members of the regional commissions were represented by observers: British Virgin Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Niue, Republic of Palau and United States Virgin Islands.

11. The following United Nations bodies and programmes were represented: United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations International Drug Control Programme.

12. The Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific were represented.

13. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, World Meteorological Organization and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

14. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented: Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation, Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Caribbean Community, Commission of the European Communities, Commonwealth Secretariat, International Organization for Migration, Organization of African Unity and South Pacific Regional Environment Programme.

15. The African National Congress was represented by an observer.

16. The following non-governmental organizations accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process were represented: Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Baha'i International Community, Caribbean Conservation Association, Caribbean Policy Development Centre, Centre for Resources Management and Environmental Studies, Environmental Defense Fund, Environment Liaison Centre International, European Centre for Studies, Information and Education on Pacific Issues, Foundation for International Environmental Law and Development, Global Education Associates, Greenpeace International, International Coastal and Ocean Organization, International Institute for Sustainable Development, International Scientific Council for Island Development, International Synergy Institute, Island Resources Foundation, Marine Environmental Research Institute, The Nature Conservancy, Netherlands National Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, O Le Siosiomaga Society, Inc., Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, Nuclear Free and Independent Pacific Movement, Pan-African Movement, Panos Institute, Society for International Development, University of the West Indies Centre for Environment and Development, Women and Fisheries Network, Women's Environment and Development Organization, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations, World Wide Fund for Nature International and World Wildlife Fund.

## C. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

17. At its 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda and organization of work contained in document A/CONF.167/PC/12 and Add.1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Preparations for the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on the basis of General Assembly resolution 47/189 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:

   (a) Organization and programme of work of the Conference;

   (b) Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process;

   (c) Preparations by the host Government;

   (d) Operations of the voluntary fund.

3. Consideration of plans and programmes to support the sustainable development of small island developing States and the utilization of their marine and coastal resources, which includes meeting essential human needs, maintaining biodiversity and improving the quality of life for island people, as well as measures that will enable small island developing States to cope effectively, creatively and in a sustainable manner with environmental changes and to mitigate the impacts on and reduce the threats posed to marine and coastal resources:

   (a) Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States;

   (b) Information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States;

   (c) Consideration of proposals for a Barbados declaration on the sustainable development of small island developing States.

4. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its resumed first session.

## II. PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 47/189 OF 22 DECEMBER 1992 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

### A. Organization and programme of work of the Conference

18. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (a) at its 16th and 18th meetings, on 7 and 11 March. It had before it a note by the Secretariat on the organization and programme of work of the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/L.8).

#### 1. Rules of procedure of the Conference

19. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Rules of procedure of the Conference" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.12) submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 15).

#### 2. High-level segment

21. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "High-level segment" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.13), submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

22. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 16).

#### 3. Decision on the organization and programme of work of the Conference

23. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Organization and programme of work of the Conference" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.14), submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 17).

### B. Participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process

25. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (b) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. The Committee had before it a note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process (A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1).

26. At the same meeting, the Committee approved the accreditation of the non-governmental organizations listed in document A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1 to

participate in the Conference and its preparatory process. (See para. 52, decision 21).

### C. Preparations by the host Government

27. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 2 (c) at its 16th meeting, on 7 March. The Minister for Environment, Housing and Lands of Barbados made an oral presentation.

## III. CONSIDERATION OF PLANS AND PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AND THE UTILIZATION OF THEIR MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES, WHICH INCLUDES MEETING ESSENTIAL HUMAN NEEDS, MAINTAINING BIODIVERSITY AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ISLAND PEOPLE, AS WELL AS MEASURES THAT WILL ENABLE SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES TO COPE EFFECTIVELY, CREATIVELY AND IN A SUSTAINABLE MANNER WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS ON AND REDUCE THE THREATS POSED TO MARINE AND COASTAL RESOURCES

### A. Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States

28. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 (a) at its 16th and 18th meetings, on 7 and 11 March. It had before it the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational and first sessions (A/48/36).

29. At the 16th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Australia and Papua New Guinea.

30. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States) and Greece (on behalf of the European Union).

31. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.16), submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

32. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 19).

### B. Information on donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States

33. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 (b) at its 16th and 18th meetings, on 7 and 11 March.

34. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on current donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States (A/CONF.167/PC/13 and Add.1), and a document containing an inventory of current donor activities in support of sustainable development of small island developing States (A/CONF.167/PC/CRP.1).

35. At the 16th meeting, on 7 March, the Coordinator for the Conference made a preliminary statement.

36. At the same meeting, the Deputy Coordinator for the Conference made a statement.

Report on current donor activities

37. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Report on current donor activities" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.17), submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

38. At the same meeting, the representatives of Greece (on behalf of the European Union) and the Commission of the European Communities made statements.

39. At the same meeting, the Coordinator for the Conference made a statement.

40. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 20).

### C. Consideration of proposals for a Barbados declaration on the sustainable development of small island developing States

41. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 (c) at its 18th meeting, on 11 March. The Committee had before it a draft text (A/CONF.167/PC/L.10) entitled "The Barbados declaration (elements for discussion)", submitted by Barbados.

42. At the 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Proposals for a Barbados declaration" (A/CONF.167/PC/L.15), submitted by the Chairman and the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

43. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 52, decision 18).

## IV. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS RESUMED FIRST SESSION

44. At its 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Committee considered the draft report of the Preparatory Committee at its resumed first session (A/CONF.167/PC/L.9).

45. At the same meeting, the Rapporteur introduced and orally revised the draft report.

46. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft report, as orally revised, and decided to entrust the Rapporteur with finalizing the report in the light of the comments made and the decisions taken at its final meeting, with a view to its submission to the Conference.

## V. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

47. At the 18th meeting, on 11 March, the Coordinator of the Conference made a statement.

48. At the same meeting, the observer for Women and Fisheries Network, a non-governmental organization accredited to participate in the Conference and its preparatory process, made a statement on behalf of the non-governmental organizations represented in the Preparatory Committee.

49. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Australia, Germany and Japan.

50. At the same meeting, the Chairman made a concluding statement.

51. Also at the same meeting, concluding statements were also made by the representatives of Greece (on behalf of the European Union), Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

## VII. DECISIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON ITS RESUMED FIRST SESSION CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE

52. At its resumed first session, the Preparatory Committee for the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States adopted 8 decisions* which are before the Conference for its consideration and appropriate action, as follows:

### DECISION 15

### Rules of procedure of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the Conference the following amendment to the draft rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/3):

### Elections

### Rule 6

The Conference shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers: a President, nine Vice-Presidents plus an ex officio Vice-President from the host country, a Rapporteur-General and a Chairman for the Main Committee established in accordance with rule 46. These officials shall be elected on the basis of ensuring the representative character of the General Committee. The Conference may also elect such other officers as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions.

### DECISION 16

### High-level segment

The Preparatory Committee recommends to the Conference that the high-level segment should be open to participation at the Head of State or Government or Ministerial level. The high-level segment should last for one and one half days, from the morning of Thursday, 5 May, through the morning of Friday, 6 May 1994. Thursday will be devoted to a debate on the theme "Forging partnerships for sustainable development". Statements in the debate during the high-level segment should be limited to seven minutes. The Preparatory Committee also notes the intention of the host country to organize a round table for participants in the high-level segment on the morning of 6 May, and it invites the President of the Conference to report to the Conference on the results of the high-level segment and the round table in the form of a presidential summary prepared under his own authority.

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* For the text of decision 14, which required action by the General Assembly, see A/48/36/Add.1.

DECISION 17

Decision on the organization and programme of work of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee takes note of the organization and programme of work of the Conference (A/CONF.167/PC/L.8).

DECISION 18

Decision on the proposals for a Barbados declaration

The Preparatory Committee requests the Secretary-General to transmit the text containing proposals for a Barbados declaration (A/CONF.167/PC/L.10) to the Conference for its consideration and appropriate action.

DECISION 19

Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States

The Preparatory Committee requests the Secretary-General to transmit the draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States, as amended during the resumed first session of the Preparatory Committee, to the Conference for its consideration and appropriate action.

DECISION 20

Report on current donor activities

The Preparatory Committee requests the Secretary-General to transmit a revised version of the report on current donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States to the Conference for its consideration and appropriate action.

DECISION 21

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory process

I. Non-governmental organizations accredited to the Commission on Sustainable Development

Barbados Association of Canada Inc. Women's Action Committee

Friends of the Earth

Ibon Philippines, Inc.

Marine Environmental Research Institute

The Nature Conservancy

South East Asia Centre for Environment and Development

Together Foundation for Global Unity

II. Other non-governmental organizations (not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council or accredited to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development)

Asian Marine Conservation Association

Belize Enterprise for Sustained Technology

Centre for Documentation, Research and Training on the Southwest Indian Ocean

Clean Islands International, Inc.

The Environmental Coalition of Prince Edward Island

Institute of Island Studies, University of Prince Edward Island

International Agency for Small-Scale Mining

Micronesia and South Pacific Program, University of Oregon

Na Po'e Kokua

Ralph Bunche Institute of International Studies

Rare Center for Tropical Conservation

Remedial Ecotoxicological Expeditions Fund (REEF)

Small Projects Assistance Team Ltd.

SOS Nature Togo

## Annex

## Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its resumed first session

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| A/CONF.167/PC.12 | 1 | Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters |
| A/CONF.167/PC/12/Add.1 | 1 | Proposed programme of work of the Preparatory Committee |
| A/CONF.167/PC/13 and Add.1 | 3 (b) | Current donor activities in support of sustainable development in small island developing States: report of the Secretary-General |
| A/CONF.167/PC/14 | 2 (d) | Note by the Secretariat on the operations of the voluntary fund |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.4/Add.1 | 2 (b) | Note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.8 | 2 (a) | Note by the Secretariat on the organization and programme of work of the Conference |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.9 | 4 | Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its resumed first session |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.10 | 3 (c) | Draft text of the Barbados declaration (elements for discussion) |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.11 | 2 (d) | Bureau of the Preparatory Committee: Participation of associate members of regional commissions in the Conference and its preparatory process: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.12 | 2 (a) | _____: Rules of procedure of the Conference: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.13 | 2 (a) | _____: High-level segment: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.14 and Corr.1 | 2 (a) | _____: Organization and programme of work of the Conference: draft decision |

| Document number | Agenda item | Title or description |
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| A/CONF.167/PC/L.15 | 3 (c) | _____: Proposals for a Barbados declaration: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.16 | 3 (a) | _____: Draft programme of action for the sustainable development of small island developing States: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/L.17 | 3 (b) | _____: Report on current donor activities: draft decision |
| A/CONF.167/PC/CRP.1 | | Inventory of current donor activities in support of sustainable development of small island developing States (English only) |
| A/CONF.167/PC/INF.1 | | Information for participants |

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